

# The National Institute of Food and Agriculture: *Programs of Interest to Hispanic Serving Institutions*

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## The Hispanic Impact

The United States of America is now the second largest Spanish-speaking country in the world.

On March 11, 2011, the Los Angeles Times reported that the most recent census figures show that there are now more than 50 million Hispanic people in America.

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## Projected Population

- ▶ By 2050, the Hispanic portion of the U.S. population will exceed 132 million. This will be part of a national population estimated to grow to approximately 440 million.
- ▶ So, our country will look like this:

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In the year 2050, the U.S. will be:

30 percent Hispanic  
13 percent African American  
9 percent Asian  
46 percent non-Hispanic white  
2 percent everything else.

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## Demographics and USDA

- ▶ The changing demographics of America have not been overlooked by either the Congress or by the Department of Agriculture.
- ▶ Although these changes pretty much permeate the Federal government and all of USDA, the rest of this presentation will focus on the extramural research, education, and extension programs of USDA that are administered by the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA).

## Food, Conservation, & Energy Act of 2008

- ▶ Under Secretary for REE is also Chief Scientist
- ▶ National Institute of Food and Agriculture:
  - Official on October 1, 2009
  - NIFA does everything that CSREES used to do, *and* gained some new programs
  - NIFA will administer several programs of interest to the HACU community

## NIFA's Structure

### INSTITUTES

- ▶ FOOD PRODUCTION AND SUSTAINABILITY
- ▶ BIOENERGY, CLIMATE, AND ENVIRONMENT
- ▶ FOOD SAFETY AND NUTRITION
- ▶ YOUTH, FAMILY, AND COMMUNITY

and,

- ▶ CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

## Actions under the 2008 Farm Bill

- ▶ The HSI Competitive Grants Program is reauthorized at the increased level of \$40 million
- ▶ HSIs are affirmed to be eligible for the Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (AFRI) (This is not a change)
- ▶ HSIs are eligible for Sec. 406 Integrated Programs (this is a change)

## More Farm Bill Actions

- ▶ HSI Agricultural Land National Resources Leadership Program (Sec. 8402 of Farm Bill): Competitive grant program to assist in the recruitment, training, and retention of Hispanic undergrads in forestry and related fields.
- ▶ Please note: like most other programs, this authorization has yet to have an appropriation.

## HSI Education Grants Program

- ▶ Grants are funded at up to \$1,100,000 per award
- ▶ Only HSI's are eligible
- ▶ Last year, 35 percent of applications were funded.
- ▶ In FY 2010, \$9,237,000; FY 2011, \$9,219,000; FY 2012.....**???**

## Funding Possibilities in FY 2012

- ▶ Three current numbers, and possibly a fourth, for HSI Education Grants in FY 2012:
  1. President's Budget Request: \$10,161,000
  2. House action: \$7,739,000
  3. Senate action: \$9,219,000
  4. The actual appropriation is likely to be somewhere between the House and the Senate marks.

## Other Existing NIFA Opportunities

- ▶ <http://www.csrees.usda.gov/fo/funding.cfm>
- ▶ Click "GRANTS"
- ▶ Click "Grant Search"
- ▶ Go to drop-down menu for "Eligibility Group," and choose "Hispanic Serving Institutions"
- ▶ Click "Search"
- ▶ You will be led to a site with links to well over 20 competitive grant programs for which HSI's are already eligible.

## Most Significant Farm Bill Action

- ▶ **Hispanic Serving Agricultural Colleges and Universities (HSACUs) are established**

## Definition of HSACU

1. Must be an HSI, *and*
2. Must offer associate, bachelor, or other accredited degree in an agriculture-related field.
3. Who gets to decide? We followed a certification process established through federal rule-making.
4. Note that 1862 institutions cannot be HSACUs.

## 5 New Programs for HSACUs

1. Endowment
2. Annual Payment=Equity=Facilities program
3. Institutional Capacity Building Grants
4. Competitive Grants Program in Research
5. Extension Program

## Endowment

- ▶ Each September 30<sup>th</sup>, interest on the Endowment will become available for HSACUs on the following basis:
  - 60 % on pro rata basis determined by Hispanic enrollment count at each institution
  - 40 % in equal shares to each of the HSACUs



## Endowment Example

- ▶ Assume interest = \$10,000
  - \$6,000 allotted on basis of pro rata count
  - \$4,000 allotted on basis of equal share

<u>Institution</u>	<u>FTE</u>	<u>Hisp. FTE</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Pro Rata Share</u>
College A	200	500	40%	\$2,000
College B	<u>400</u>	1000	40%	\$4,000
Total FTE	600			

College A: \$2K + \$2K = \$4,000

College B: \$4K + \$2K = \$6,000

## Facilities Program

- ▶ \$80,000 per institution
- ▶ To be used to enhance the facilities of HSACUs...classrooms, laboratories, lecture halls.
- ▶ Note that the \$80,000 figure is the authorization: it still requires an appropriation to make it happen.

## Institutional Capacity Building Grants

- ▶ Not to be used for bricks and mortar activities
- ▶ Competitive
- ▶ Must demonstrate need
- ▶ Matching requirement to be determined by the Secretary

## Competitive Grants Program

- ▶ As title implies, this program is competitive
- ▶ Supports fundamental and applied research
- ▶ Authorization: such sums as necessary

## Extension

- ▶ This provision amends the Smith–Lever Act
- ▶ Authorization: such sums as are necessary
- ▶ Any funds made available under this paragraph will be in addition to sums under this section to the States, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands (in other words, HSACUs will *not* have any negative effect on funding to already existing Extension programs)
- ▶ Competitive!
- ▶ Administered through the 1862 LGUs

## Think About Extension

- ▶ Provides unbiased, objective, science-based information to help local government officials and others make decisions
- ▶ Extension in America is the largest non-formal adult education system in the world.
- ▶ And so much more: it is the university's chance to take knowledge beyond their campus and deliver it to their communities

## CAVEATS

- ▶ 1. We do not yet have funding for any of the new programs. FY 2012 would be the earliest that we might see funding.
- ▶ 2. We are just now finalizing the initial list of certified HSACUs. The rule was published, and the comment period has closed with all comments under review in policy, programmatic, and legal offices.
- ▶ 3. How many HSACU's?

## Let me close by saying...

- ▶ ...my colleagues and I are excited by changes coming from the Farm Bill and elsewhere. We are looking forward to working ever more closely with HSIs, and ultimately with all of the HACU community.

**Thank you!**